**Events of Confluence**

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Some items are just determined to flow together. In this puzzle, the Across clues all work normally. However, among the Down clues:

(1) For some clues, a two-letter sequence must be added to the answer before it is entered into the grid. (One of the entries thus formed is a two-word phrase.) Mark these letter pairs in the grid. You can then trace a diagonal path down from the bottom letter of each pair (except the bottom one) to the top letter of another, lower-down pair (crossing over zero, one, or two additional letters in the process), so that each such lower-down pair has two higher-up pairs connecting to it (one from the left and one from the right). When this is done, then reading from each higher-up pair to its lower-down pair along the connecting path will yield a word, and the two words that “flow together” in one lower-down pair will be matched up as befits a certain popular fruit-themed game.

(2) For the rest of the Down clues, answers are entered normally, but each clue has an extra letter that must be removed before solving. Read in clue order, these letters say what you get if you successfully complete the grid and mark all the pairs and paths from (1).

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4. Heard of the state being supported by poles in bars
5. Rival dances like that “Where the Hell is Matt” video
6. *Rent* is not entirely mature
7. Insect takes bait from unscrupulous female relative
8. Female relative is going after insects, finally
9. Just an agricultural exhibition
10. Kid about number six, at first
11. I must follow this one desire (5)
12. Thin end of that revolving station once seen in *Norbit*
13. Had no arrangement with cone manufacturer in Japan
14. For each agent flip-flopped
15. Unbendingly
16. Loudly lick sticky part of envelope (4)
17. Left comedian Jay with a first-year law student (3, 1)
18. Start digging around four, finally (5)
19. Still, I must be a mythical creature (4)
20. Player’s foot hitting ref’s backside (4)
21. North American spy group will capture ancient city of gold
22. Washington’s enlisting old medicos (4)
23. He names a reddish dye (5)
24. Unbendingly
25. Make a pair with pictures depicting Mr. Simpson (4)
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